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Q : When will EPA's Risk Assessment Sampling take place?

A : Risk Assessment Sampling has begun in some cases and will continue throughout most of 2005. A draft sampling plan which outlines EPA goals with this sampling was recently made available. This sampling is aimed at filling gaps in existing sampling data for soils and inside residences. The additional data is needed to support a long-term cleanup plan which EPA would like to propose by the end of 2005.

The draft sampling plan is available in the EPA Information Center. The Libby Area Technical Assistance Group has been given a copy of the plan for review.

The Risk Assessment Sampling will focus on a variety of potential exposure pathways and includes, among others:

- children's breathing zone indoors and in outdoor soil areas
- indoor air with a focus on the amount of Libby asbestos that gets into the air from dust inside a home
- indoor dust with a focus on the amount of Libby asbestos that gets into the dust from outside the home
- dust below carpets

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